

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 3 and 4 are currently being amended. The amendment is being made in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 07/18/2003, in order to direct entry of the required references of the SEQ ID NOS in compliance with revised 37 C.F.R. §1.121, effective July 30, 2003. However, Applicants respectfully assert that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was sent in error, since the original amendment, which was filed on 09/17/1999, was in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 32 – 38 and 42 - 44 are now pending in this application.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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